

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claims listing replaces all prior claims listings:

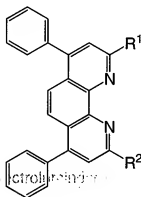
1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a first electrode, a second electrode, an electron transport layer, a hole transport layer, and a hole-blocking layer,

wherein,

(a) the hole blocking layer is distinct from the electron transport layer, and

(b) the hole-blocking layer comprises a compound of formula (I):



formula (I)

wherein at least one of R¹ and R² has at least two carbons; and wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of an ethyl group, an n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a n-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, an n-pentyl group, an iso-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, a tert-pentyl group, a cyclopentyl group, a methylcyclopentyl group, a dimethylcyclopentyl group, a trimethylcyclopentyl group, a tetramethylcyclopentyl group, an n-hexyl group, a 2-ethylbutyl group, a 3,3-dimethylbutyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a methylcyclohexyl

group, a dimethylcyclohexyl group, a trimethylcyclohexyl group, an ethylcyclohexyl group, a diethylcyclohexyl group, a triethylcyclohexyl group, ~~an propylcyclohexyl group, a dipropylcyclohexyl group, tripropylcyclohexyl group,~~ a 2-ethylhexyl group, an n-nonyl group, an n-decyl group, an n-dodecyl group, an n-tetradecyl group, an n-hexadecyl group, a benzyl group, a phenethyl group, an α -methylbenzyl group, an α,α -dimethylbenzyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 2-naphthylmethyl group, a furfuryl group, a 2-methylbenzyl group, a 3-methylbenzyl group, a 4-methylbenzyl group, a 4-ethylbenzyl group, a 4-isopropylbenzyl group, a 4-tert-butylbenzyl group, a 4-n-hexylbenzyl group, a 4-nonylbenzyl group, and a 3,4-dimethylbenzyl group.

12. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 11, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises a material which is one of transparent and translucent.

13. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 12, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises indium tin oxide (ITO).

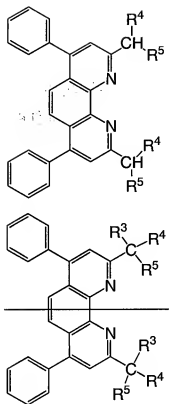
14 - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 11, wherein the hole transporting layer is luminescent.

17. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a first electrode, a second electrode, ~~one or more~~ an electron transport layers, ~~one or more~~ a hole transport layers, and a hole-blocking layer, wherein

(a) the hole blocking layer is distinct from the electron transport layer, and

(b) the hole-blocking layer comprises a compound of formula (II):



formula (II)

wherein:

(i) R³ and R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl, methylphenyl, dimethylphenyl, trimethylphenyl, naphthyl, methylnaphthyl, dimethylnaphthyl, fluorenyl, methylfluorenyl and dimethylfluorenyl; and

(ii) R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of methyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl, methylphenyl, dimethylphenyl, trimethylphenyl, naphthyl, methylnaphthyl, dimethylnaphthyl, fluorenyl, methylfluorenyl and dimethylfluorenyl with the proviso that R⁴ and R⁵ may not both be hydrogen.

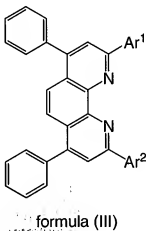
18. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 17, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises a material which is one of transparent and translucent.

19. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 18, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises indium tin oxide (ITO).

20 - 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 17, wherein at least one of the one or more the hole transporting layers is luminescent.

23. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a first electrode, a second electrode, an electron transport layer, a hole transport layer, and a hole-blocking layer, wherein the hole-blocking layer comprises a compound of formula (III):



wherein Ar¹ and Ar² may be the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of a, 2-anthryl group, a 4-quinolyl group, a pyridyl group, a 3-pyridynyl group, a 2-pyridynyl group, a 3-furyl group, a 2-furyl group, a 3-thienyl group, a 2-oxazolyl group, a 2-thiazolyl group, a 2-benzoxazolyl group, a 2-benzothiazolyl group, a 2-benzimidazolyl group, a 4-n-propylphenyl group, an n-isopropylphenyl group, a 4-n-butylphenyl group, an 4-isobutylphenyl group, a 4-sec-butylphenyl group, a tert-butylphenyl group.

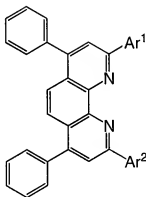
24. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 23, wherein one of the electrodes comprises a material which is one of transparent and translucent.

25. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 24, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises indium tin oxide (ITO).

26 - 27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 23, wherein the hole transporting layer is luminescent.

29. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a first electrode, a second electrode, an electron transport layer, a hole transport layer, and a hole-blocking layer, wherein the hole-blocking layer comprises a compound of formula (V):



formula (V)

wherein Ar¹ and Ar² may be the same or different and independently represent an aryl group but do not form an interlocking macrocyclic compound, and

Ar¹ and Ar² are selected from the group consisting of a 1-naphthyl group, a 9-anthryl group, a 2-fluorenyl group, a 4-methylphenyl group, a dimethylphenyl group, a

trimethylphenyl group, a ethylphenyl group, a diethylphenyl group, a triethylphenyl group, a tert-butylphenyl group, a cyclohexylphenyl group, a phenylphenyl group.

30. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 29, wherein one of the electrodes comprises a material which is one of transparent and translucent.

31. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 30, wherein at least one of the electrodes comprises indium tin oxide (ITO).

32 - 33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 30, wherein the hole transporting layer is luminescent.

35. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 11, wherein: the brightness of the device is at least 10,000 cd/m².

36. (Previously presented) A display device comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 35.

37. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 17, wherein: the brightness of the device is at least 10,000 cd/m².

38. (Previously presented) A display device comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 37.

39. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 23, wherein: the brightness of the device is at least 10,000 cd/m².

40. (Previously presented) A display device comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 39.

41. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 29, wherein:
the brightness of the device is at least 10,000 cd/m².

42. (Previously presented) A display device comprising the electroluminescent device of claim 41.